[7th August 1950

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (a) & (b) It is presumed the hon. Member refers to the fruit farms ordered to be started during 1948–49 at the following Agricultural Research Stations :—

(1) Siruguppa, Bellary district.
(2) Tirurkuppam, Chingleput district.
(3) Tindivanam, South Arcot district.
(4) Palur, South Arcot district.
(5) Aduthurai, Tanjore district.
(6) Gudiyatham, North Arcot district.
(7) Pattambi, Malabar district.

The scheme was not actually started. After the sites were selected for the proposed farms, the possible value of those small centres in influencing the fruit cultivation was re-examined by the Director of Agriculture and it has been found that ideal sites and soils were not available at the Agricultural Research Stations and that the purpose in view would be better served by the establishment of model orchard-*cum*-nurseries in different centres of the State. A scheme for starting model orchard-*cum*-nurseries at Rajahmundry, Mathurai, Mangalore, Salem and Chittoor has since been sanctioned by Government in March 1950. The establishment of fruit farms at the Agricultural Research Stations mentioned above has therefore been abandoned."

Provincial Town-Planning Committee.

* 5 *Q*.—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state whether the Government have considered the recommendations of the Provincial Town-Planning Committee and if so, what the action proposed on the various recommendations is?

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" The Government have examined the recommendations of the Provincial Town-Planning Enquiry Committee and have passed orders on them. A copy of [a] G.O. No. 1097, Health, dated 25th March 1950 is laid on the table of the House."

The Madras Central Land Mortgage Bank.

* 6 *Q*.—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(*a*) the rates at which the Madras Central Land Mortgage Bank has been floating their debentures recently;

(*b*) the rates at which loans are made available by the Central Land Mortgage Bank to Primary Land Mortgage Banks;

(*c*) the rates charged to the ultimate borrower by the Primary Land Mortgage Banks;

(*d*) the rate at which loans are granted by Government under the Agriculturists' Loans Act, and the Land Improvement Loans Act; and

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[a] Printed as Appendix VI on page 164 infra.